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Qatar:* draft resolution

Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling the report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa,[1] and resolutions 53/92 of 7 December 1998, 54/234 of 22 December 1999, 55/217 of 21 December 2000, 56/37 of 4 December 2001, 57/296 of 20 December 2002, 57/337 of 3 July 2003 and 58/235 of 23 December 2003,

Recalling also, in this context, Security Council resolutions 1325 (2000) of 31 October 2000 on women and peace and security, and 1366 (2001) of 30 August 2001 on the role of the Council in the prevention of armed conflicts,

Recalling further the creation by the Economic and Social Council, by its resolution 2002/1 of 15 July 2002, of ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict,

Reaffirming that the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa[2] must remain a priority on the agenda of the United Nations system and the Member States,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 45* (A/56/45).

[2] A/52/871-S/1998/318

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Noting with concern the slow progress in the implementation of many of the recommendations in the report of the Secretary-General, as well as the emergence of trends, that could potentially affect the peace and stability of Africa,

Stressing that the responsibility for peace and security in Africa, including the capacity to address the root causes of conflict and to resolve conflicts in a peaceful manner, lies primarily with African countries, while recognizing the need for support from the international community,

1. *Takes note* of the progress report of the Secretary-General[3] on the implementation of the recommendations contained in his report on the causes of conflict and promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa, including an overview of trends and challenges as well as further advances in a wide range of areas made since the last progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Secretary-General;

2. *Welcomes* the progress that has been made in the prevention and settlement of disputes and the sustained efforts by African regional and subregional initiatives to mediate and resolve conflicts and the support given by the international community and the United Nations to those efforts;

3. *Welcomes* the establishment by the African Union of the Peace and Security Council of the Union;

4. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts to enhance coordination to ensure that such African regional and subregional initiatives continue to be taken in close consultation and coordination with the United Nations in order to ensure that the United Nations may play a clear role, as appropriate, in the subsequent implementation of such mediated settlements;

5. *Welcomes* the recommendation of the Secretary-General to Member States to strengthen cooperation between the United Nations system, the African Union and other African organizations in the maintenance of international peace and security;

6. *Also welcomes* the decision of the Secretary-General to instruct relevant agencies, departments and offices of the United Nations to look into new ways of collaborating with the African Union in order to boost the efforts of the Union in undertaking peace operations;

7. *Encourages* the international community to support the ongoing efforts of African countries to develop their capacity to undertake peace support operations at regional and subregional levels, including their effort to establish a continental early warning system;

8. *Recognizes* the contribution made by the ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict of the Economic and Social Council as well as by the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa of the Security Council in promoting peace and sustainable development, and emphasizes the need for continued collaboration among them in generating a coherent approach to the challenges of conflict prevention, conflict resolution and post-conflict reconstruction in Africa;

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[3] A/59/285.

9. *Calls upon* Member States, in particular donor countries, to continue to provide financial and technical assistance, in a coordinated and sustained manner, to support activities in Africa to eradicate poverty, promote respect for human rights and strengthen the rule of law and transparent and accountable public administration;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore and recommend suitable arrangements and mechanisms through which Member States could more effectively support Africa's efforts to address the multiple causes of conflict in Africa, including their regional dimensions, and to strengthen, in a coordinated and sustained manner, preventive action as well as post-conflict peacebuilding;

11. *Decides* to continue to monitor the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa;[2]

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution to the sixtieth session of the General Assembly.